



Hollister's Quality of Life Service Needs & Priorities

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is the issue?

A: While the City is preparing to adopt a balanced budget, current local funding is also scheduled to expire. Without continued local funding the city would need to consider reducing essential city services such as police, fire response, senior programs and the maintenance of local roads and parks.

Q: What percentage of our budget is from these local funds?

A: Without maintaining local funding at the existing rate, Hollister will be forced to cut \$4.5million of its general fund budget, resulting in significant cuts to City services which could increase critical emergency response times and affect our ability to maintain our locally-run fire department.

Q: How would this affect public safety?

A: We must continue to ensure that people suffering from heart attacks, strokes, or other medical emergencies receive the basic life support they need to increase their chance for survival. Otherwise, Hollister would be forced to reduce police and firefighter positions, further increasing 9-1-1 emergency response times.

Q: What are the City's priorities?

A: The City is committed to protecting the services that our community has said are important, including:

- Maintaining rapid emergency response times
- Maintaining operations at all current Hollister fire stations
- Attracting and retaining qualified police officers and firefighters
- Preventing cuts to youth gang and drug prevention and intervention programs
- Maintaining water conservation programs
- Maintaining youth programs at City parks and recreation centers
- Supporting programs to retain, expand, and attract business to Hollister

Q: Where can I get more information?

A: The City will continue to keep the community informed about our budget. For more information, please visit the City's website at www.hollister.ca.gov.